

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Amendments

In the Claims:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 4 28, further comprising:
assigning each the document record for the specific contract a reference number.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 28 3, wherein the customized set of identification data on the document profile form ~~cover sheet is selected from a group comprising~~ represents contract information of a type including a contracting entity type, a contract related site type, a contract type, a contract related department type, an authorized users type and a responsible parties type.

5. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 4 28, further comprising:
linking information to the document record of the specific contract, the linked
~~information selected from the group comprising~~ including at least one of: vendor
information, notes concerning the contract ~~contracts~~, related documents, party
information, user selected critical dates, assets related to the contracts, and selected
terms of the contract ~~contracts~~.

6. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 4 28, further comprising:
limiting access ~~and extent~~ of access of users to the contracts and related
information.

7. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 6, wherein the access
~~and extent of access are~~ is defined by a combination of: an amount of information that a
user may access; an ability to print contracts and information; an ability to attach and
edit information attached to a contract record; an ability to create and edit a contract
summary page; ~~the~~ an ability to archive a contract, ~~the~~ an ability to enter and edit critical
dates; ~~the~~ an ability to enter and edit assets attached to a contract, ~~the~~ an ability to
create and enter vendor information; ~~the~~ an ability to be named as a responsible party
to a contract; ~~the~~ an ability to delete a vendor, ~~the~~ an ability to create, edit or delete
users; and ~~the~~ an ability to make global changes to summary pages of a database of
the party to the contracts.

8. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 4 28, further comprising:
searching the database contracts.

9. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 4 28, wherein further comprising providing remote access to the database contracts comprises:

~~displaying a contract attribute search page comprising lists of alternatives for each member of the standard set of identification data;~~

~~selecting at least one alternative for each member of the standard set of identification data; and~~

~~initiating the search.~~

10. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 9, ~~wherein the lists are displayed as pull down menus wherein providing remote access to the contracts comprises:~~

displaying a contract attribute search page comprising lists of alternatives for each member of the standard set of identification data;

selecting at least one alternative for each member of the standard set of identification data; and

initiating the search.

11. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 9 4, wherein providing remote access to the contracts comprises:

displaying a contract search page comprising a contract text keyword search text

entry box;

entering text in the text entry box; and
initiating the search.

12. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 9 4, wherein providing remote access to the contracts comprises:

displaying a contract filter page including a contract attribute search page comprising lists alternatives for each member of the standard set of identification data and including a contract search page comprising a contract text keyword search text entry box;

selecting at least one alternative for each member of the standard set of identification data and/or entering text in the text entry box; and
initiating the search.

13. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 9 4, wherein providing remote access to the contracts comprises:

displaying a list of categories of contract information;
selecting a category; and
displaying contracts that fall within the selected category.

14. (Original) The method according to claim 13, further comprising:

selecting one of the displayed contracts; and
displaying information about the selected contract.

15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 13, wherein the categories of contract information ~~are selected from the group comprising~~ include at least one of: a contract number, a contract type, a contract signatory, an other signatory, a responsible party, a contract vendor, a contracting entity, a contracting department, a contract site, a contracting group, a contract note original date, a contract expiration date, expiration of contracts for a specified user, automatically renewing contracts, a critical date, contract status, ~~or~~ and an other contracting party, wherein all contracts having the same value contract information for ~~of~~ the selected category are displayed.

16. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 13, wherein the displayed information comprises a contract page comprising ~~cover sheet including at least the specific~~ information from the ~~database of information concerning document record for the specific~~ contract, ~~the cover sheet including links to other information in the contract database.~~

17. (Original) The method according to claim 16, wherein the contract page comprises regions displaying a set of fixed contract summary information and a changeable set of information, and user actionable regions for changing the changeable information.

18. (Original) The method according to claim 17, wherein details regarding information on the contract page may be accessed through active links on the contract page, wherein the active links comprise the information of which details are sought.

19. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 4 28, further comprising:

predefining a level of access of a user;

verifying a name and a password for the user; and

permitting the user to access ~~the contracts with~~ in accordance with the level of access of the user.

20. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 4 28, further comprising:

providing ~~all of~~ information about a the specific contract on a single printable page.

21. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 18, wherein one of the links is to the electronic file ~~digital version of the contract~~.

22. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 4 28, further comprising:

generating a ~~new contract~~ document record for a new contract utilizing a ~~stored~~

~~contract~~ the document record as a template.

23. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 4 28, further comprising:

providing remote electronic access over the internet to contracts being negotiated;

providing entry of comments concerning the contracts by users; and

providing remote electronic access over the internet to contracts commented on by the users.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Canceled)

26. (Canceled)

27. (Canceled)

28. (New) A method for storing, organizing and providing remote electronic access to contracts, the method comprising:
storing a customized set of identification data for characterizing a set of contracts, wherein each identification data in the customized set of identification data corresponds to contract information;

converting a specific contract and a customized document profile form for the specific contract to an electronic file, wherein the electronic file includes an image of the specific contract;

processing the electronic file, wherein a searchable text file of the specific contract is overlaid with the image of the specific contract;

reading the customized document profile form, wherein the customized document profile form includes the customized set of identification data for selection;

determining whether at least one identification data is selected on the customized document profile form;

if so, creating a document record for the specific contract that includes the specific information corresponding to the at least one identification data in a database of document records for contracts; and

associating the electronic file with the document record in the database.

29. (New) A computer program product for performing a process of storing, organizing and providing remote electronic access to documents, comprising:

a computer readable medium; and

computer program instructions, recorded on the computer readable medium, executable by a processor, for performing the steps of:

storing a customized set of identification data for characterizing a set of contracts, wherein each identification data in the customized set of identification data corresponds to contract information;

reading a customized document profile form for a specific contract, wherein the customized document profile form includes the customized set of identification data for selection and wherein the customized document profile form and the specific contract is converted into an electronic file;

determining whether at least one identification data is selected on the customized document profile form;

if so, creating a document record for the specific contract that includes the specific information corresponding to the at least one identification data in a database of document records for contracts; and

associating the electronic file with the document record in the database.

30. (New) A system for performing a process of for storing, organizing and providing remote electronic access to documents, comprising:

a processor operable to execute computer program instructions; and

a memory operable to store computer program instructions executable by the processor, for performing the steps of:
storing a customized set of identification data for characterizing a set of contracts,
wherein each identification data in the customized set of identification data corresponds to contract information;

reading a customized document profile form for a specific contract, wherein the customized document profile form includes the customized set of identification data for selection and wherein the customized document profile form and the specific contract is converted into an electronic file;

determining whether at least one identification data is selected on the
customized document profile form;

if so, creating a document record for the specific contract that includes the
specific information corresponding to the at least one identification data in a
database of document records for contracts; and

associating the electronic file with the document record in the database.